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Year	Outlay sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)			School Rooms (Target)
	General	Tribal	Total	
1997-98	2724.65	680.10	3404.75	9266
1998-99	900.72	628.80	1529.52	4074
1999-2000	252.00	—	252.00	525
2000-2001	620.40	171.60	792.00	649
Total	4497.77	1480.50	5978.27	14514

(b) The expenditure incurred on primary education in rural areas (other than TSP) for the year 1997-98 to 2000-2001 is as under:

Year	Expenditure incurred (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	1768.69
1998-99	1835.93
1999-2000	1514.86
2000-2001	2911.81

Brain Drain from India

1434. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per UN Report released on the 10th July, 2000, brain drain costs India \$2 billion financial loss per annum, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) how many skilled computer professionals went to US, year-wise during the last three years; and

(c) who are the other professionals besides the computer related

occupation who left India for US every year during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per Human Development Report 2001 of the UNDP, it has been estimated that brain drain costs India \$2 billion financial loss per annum. These are very simplistic estimates and do not take into consideration a number of related factors like remittances from abroad, return of professionals with better know how, greater role of Indian professionals in growing global knowledge economy. In India, a substantial portion of growth in export of software services is attributed to this mobility of Indian software professionals.

(b) and (c) In view of the emerging global labour market for top technology professionals, there is very high mobility of these professionals. Duration of their stay outside may range from a few weeks to several years. During the last few years, it is largely the skilled computer professionals who have been leaving the country though there were some professionals from science, engineering, medicine and accounts background that have gone abroad.

Achievements of Primary Education Programme

1435. **SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a primary education programme in India has achieved 60 per cent literacy overall and 79 per cent children are attending schools regularly;

(b) if so, whether initiatives in the elementary education sector have borne fruits as the overall literacy rate has gone up from 52 per cent, as per earlier Census, to 65 per cent in Census 2001;

(c) if so, what further steps are being considered to improve the position; and